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Man Convicted of Murder After DUI Crash on Freeway

A 25-year-old man was convicted yesterday of driving under the influence of alcohol and crashing into another vehicle, resulting in the death of an elderly woman, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

The jury deliberated for a day before finding Juan Gabriel Rios guilty of five felonies in case KA108315: second-degree murder, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage causing injury, driving with a .08% blood alcohol content causing injury and hit and run driving resulting in death or serious injury to another person.

Jurors also found true a special allegation that the defendant personally inflicted great bodily injury during the commission of the crime.

Rios is scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 3 in Department L of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch. He faces a possible maximum sentence of 24 years to life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Lauren Guber, who prosecuted the case, said in the late evening of Nov. 7, 2014, Rios was driving under the influence of alcohol when he attempted to enter the 10 Freeway and crashed into another vehicle near the Rosemead exit.

The victims, an elderly couple from Rosemead, were hospitalized after the incident. However, the wife, Kit Ching Leung, ultimately succumbed to her injuries.

Following the collision, the defendant's vehicle went down an embankment and Rios fled the scene. Authorities were called and they soon located the defendant and arrested him in connection with the crash.

This case was investigated by the California Highway Patrol.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.